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Sri E. L. RAGHAVA MUDALIAR :—" May I know who are all considered to be too old to undergo training? "

The Hon. Dr. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Those who are above 40 years of age, according to common sense. There is no time-limit. Each case is considered separately."

Sri R. SIDDANNA GOWD :—" In view of the paucity of trained hands, will the Government be pleased to open more training schools? "

The Hon. Dr. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" It is being done, Sir."

Number of Communist convicts in jails.

* 852 *Q.*—Sri C. KANDASAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state how many Communist convicts are still undergoing imprisonment in the various jails of the State?

The Hon. Sri K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" In March 1953, 107 prisoners convicted under the ordinary penal law, viz., the Indian Penal Code, who were reported to be members of the Communist Party, were undergoing imprisonment in the several jails in this State. I may add that after the preparation of this answer, some more were released, and the number as on 18th July 1953 is 73."

Sri C. KANDASAMI :—" May I know how many convicts there are from Tamil districts? "

The Hon. Sri K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" A separate question may be given notice of."

Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" Some time ago the Government promised to repatriate all these prisoners to their respective linguistic areas. That they have done. But they also promised to repatriate the prisoners from Salem Jail to their respective districts like Madurai, Coimbatore and Tiruchirappalli. How far have they progressed in that direction? "

The Hon. Sri K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" As far as practicable, it has been done."

Sri C. KANDASAMI :—" On a previous occasion, the Hon. the Chief Minister promised to review the cases of the convicts and see that some of them were released. Has he done so? "

The Hon. Sri K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" As I submitted, he has done so. That is why the number has been reduced to 73."

Sri T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR :—" My hon. Friend Sri Kalyanasundaram was saying that as per the assurance given by the Hon. the Chief Minister on the floor of the House that the prisoners would be repatriated to their respective regions, the

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repatriation took place. But is it a fact that after repatriation, some of the prisoners were sent back to jails other than in their own districts?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" That arose out of certain action taken by the prisoners and the necessary consequences to look after them properly."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" In an interview at Tanjore, the Hon. the Chief Minister promised to me that he would consider the question of releasing the convicts at Tanjore."

MR. SPEAKER :—" How does it arise out of this question?"

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" They are also prisoners like Communist prisoners."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have no objection if the Hon. Minister is prepared to answer."

(There was no answer.)

SRI M. HANUMANTHA RAO :—" The Hon. the Chief Minister was comparing October 1st with August 15. In view of this most auspicious occasion, will the Government see to it that all political prisoners are released and cases against them are withdrawn?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" General amnesty in relation to 15th of August cannot exactly be made a parallel to October 1st. When really we reach October 1st and when the Andhra State Bill is passed, the new Government will certainly take steps."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Will not October 1st pass out of the hands of the present Chief Minister?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" That is exactly my difficulty, Sir."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" In view of the importance of October 1st, will the Hon. the Chief Minister review the cases of at least those prisoners who were connected with the Andhra State agitation?"

MR. SPEAKER :—" A separate question on this subject is on the agenda."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" There is a short notice question to-day which I will be answering."

Number of wells constructed in Tiruvallur taluk.

* 853 *Q.*—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Rural Welfare be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total number of wells constructed in the selected areas of Tiruvallur taluk, Chingleput district, in 1952; and

(*b*) of these how many were constructed in cheris; and how many in the villages?